

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for regulating the appearance of skin comprising topically applying to said skin a composition comprising:
 - (a) a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and about 0.05% to about 5% of an extract comprising a low molecular weight hydrolysable tannins, and mixtures thereof;
 - (b) an effective amount of at least one additional skin care active ingredient selected from the group consisting of ant-acne actives, retinoids, ant-cellulite agents, antimicrobial actives, antifungal agents, vitamins, anti-inflammatory agents, tanning agents, allantoin, glucosamine, phytantriol, hydroxyacids, niacinamide, phytosterols, sunscreens and mixtures thereof.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said extract comprises over 40% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said extract comprises about 60% to about 85% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.
4. A method for inhibiting or decreasing the expression or function of a matrix metalloprotease in the skin comprising topically applying to said skin a composition comprising a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and about 0.05% to about 5% of an extract comprising a low molecular weight hydrolysable tannin.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said extract comprises over about 40% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said extract comprises about 60% to about 85% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

7. A method for inhibiting or decreasing a reactive oxygen species in the skin comprising topically applying to said skin a composition comprising a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and about 0.05% to about 5% of an extract comprising a low molecular weight hydrolysable tannin.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said extract comprises over about 40% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said extract comprises about 60% to about 85% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

10. A method for inhibiting or decreasing oxidative stress induced by free iron and copper in the skin comprising topically applying to said skin a composition comprising a cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and about 0.05% to about 5% of an extract comprising a low molecular weight hydrolysable tannin.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said extract comprises over about 40% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said extract comprises about 60% to about 85% of Emblicanin A, Emblicanin B, Pedunculagin, and Punigluconin.

13. The method of claim 4, wherein said metalloprotease comprises stromelysin.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said metalloprotease further comprises collagenase.

15. The method of claim 4, wherein said composition further comprises a UV-A or UV-B sunscreen.

16. The method of claim 4, wherein said composition further comprises another anti-aging ingredient.

17. The method of claim 7, wherein said composition further comprises a UV-A and / or UV-B sunscreen.

18. The method of claim 7, wherein said composition further comprises another anti-aging ingredient.

19. The method of claim 10, wherein said composition further comprises a UV-A and/or UV-B sunscreen.

20. The method of claim 10, wherein said composition further comprises another anti-aging ingredient.